

**CHAPTER NO. 584**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2575**

**By Womack**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2463

By Odom

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 19, Part 1, relative to physician assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(4), is amended by adding the following words and punctuation between the words "completion" and "of" in the second sentence of that subdivision:

, within a two (2) year period prior to the application for license renewal,

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(4), is further amended by adding the following sentence between the second and third sentences of that subdivision:

The two (2) year period within which an applicant must have obtained the required continuing medical education hours shall be the most recent two (2) year period utilized by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants to determine whether that person has obtained sufficient continuing medical education hours to maintain his or her professional certification.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(1), is amended by deleting the first two sentences of that subsection and by substituting instead the following language:

More than one (1) physician may supervise the same physician assistant; provided, each physician assistant shall have a primary supervising physician and may have additional alternate supervising physicians who shall supervise the physician assistant in the absence or unavailability of the primary supervising physician. Each physician assistant shall notify the committee of the name, address, and license number of his/her primary supervising physician and shall notify the committee of any change in such primary supervising physician within fifteen (15) days of the change. The number of physician assistants for whom a physician may serve as the supervising physician shall be determined by the physician at the practice level, consistent with good medical practice.

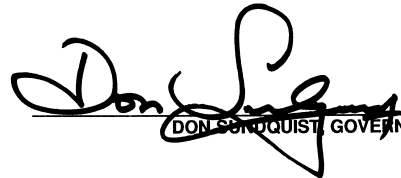
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 2, 2000**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 10th day of March 2000**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR